



## W5AC Texas A&M University Amateur Radio Club



January 19, 2017

### Draft Minutes from the TAMU ARC Monthly Business Meeting

President/KG5GDV called the meeting to order at 1935. Vice-President/KG5JYY, Treasurer/KG5JYZ, and Secretary/KG5LYQ were also present. There were 10 voting members, 0 non-voting members, and 2 visitors present. The quorum requirement was certified by KG5LYQ.

#### **President's Report:** KG5GDV reported on the following,

- **Force 12 Antenna:** The work day to tune the antenna is deferred to at least March since W5QZ is out of the country until then.
- **Foxhunt:** Tomorrow, January 20, from 1500 to 1700 is W5AC's first foxhunt. Location is at Sully Statue on campus. Foxhunts occur most Friday's during the semester and everyone is welcome. In relation to foxhunting, W5QZ mentioned that foxhunting (or Amateur Radio Direction Finding), can now count towards the Boy Scouts' Radio Merit Badge. This would be a great way to engage the community.
- **MSC Open House Spring 2017:** This Sunday, January 22, from 1300 to 1700 is MSC Open House. This is an opportunity for student organizations to recruit on campus. Set up begins at 1130. An email will be sent to the listserv to sign up for shifts. Only three people are allowed at the booth at once. If extra people show up, it was suggested that they can walk around in W5AC shirts with HT's.
- **W5AC Informational:** In order to show potential members from the MSC Open House the shack, informational will be held twice next week. Wednesday and Thursday, January 25 and 26, from 1500 to 1800 the shack will be open for potential members to see.

#### **Vice-President's Report:** KG5JYY reported on the following,

- **Soda Mess Fridge:** Soda mess has a new mini fridge, courtesy of WX5RKB, and a new second fridge procured by N5TLT.

**Treasurer's Report:** KG5JYZ presented an overview of the state of the club's finances since last month.



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**Secretary Report:** KG5LYQ reviewed the minutes from the December 2016 Monthly Business Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read – the motion passed on a voice vote.

**QSL Manager's Report:** W5MHN was absent so KG5LYQ delivered the following report:

- **ARRL DXCC:** 310 mixed entities worked, 303 confirmed and 47 slots filled in the band/mode matrix (310/303/44 last month).
- **Triple Play WAS:**
  - Phone: complete
  - Digital: 47 confirmed
  - CW: 4 confirmed
- **5-Band WAS:**
  - 10: 35 confirmed
  - 15: 45 confirmed
  - 20: complete
  - 40: 46 confirmed
  - 80: 18 confirmed
- **QSL Cards:** New cards since last meeting were passed around.

**NPOTA Standing Committee:** KG5JYZ reported W5AC ended the year with 180 NPS entities worked, 37 National Parks worked, and 4 activations. The activations were:

El Camino Real de Los Tejas NHT – By KG5GDV, KG5JYY, KG5JYZ, W5MHN, W5QZ

Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP – By W5QZ

Fort Davis NHP – W5QZ

Chickasaw NRA – By WB5WBW (This activation also qualified the club as a 5-Star Activator)

**Club Business:**

**Old Business:** NTR

**New Business:**

- **Shack Updates:** N5TLT reported that due to the cold weather over the break, the backflow valve froze and now leaks whenever the water is on. Therefore, the water will be turned off until the backflow valve is fixed. The problem should be taken care of soon. N5TLT also reported that there is possibly rotted wood in the hallway leading to the back exit, and to take caution when walking in that area.



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- **W5AC Repeater Problem:** During the previous Monday night net, KG5LYQ had audio problems while operating as net control and using the W5AC 2m Repeater. The exact problem is not known and tests with different radios will be used.

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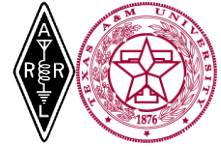
- **License Exam:** The next amateur radio license exam offered by W5BCS will be on February 18, 2017 at 0800. The location is the conference room of the Southern Plains USDA Building.
- **W5AC Bulletin Board:** For new members and as a refresher to current members, W5MHN keeps the bulletin board updated with the following items to help keep the club updated with QSO and event information:
  - **Weekly:**
    - DX Listing (Interesting entities that will be active over the coming week, with bolded entries being ATNO for the club)
  - **Monthly:**
    - Contest Calendar
    - Special Event Stations
    - W1AW Qualifying Runs
    - Propagation Chart
  - **As Needed:**
    - The List (Current listing of wanted DX entities for the club)
    - W1AW Operation Schedule (Currently the winter schedule)
    - DXCC Band/Mode matrix listing
    - WAS Overall Band/Mode matrix listing
    - WAS Triple Play status listing
    - WAS 5-Band status listing
- **New Printer Capability:** N5TLT reported that the W5AC printer can now be accessed anywhere on campus in case anybody needs to print to the shack but is not physically there.
- **W5AC on Google Maps:** BH1RRP added the W5AC location to Google Maps to make it easier to find the shack.

**Next Meeting:** The February Monthly Business meeting will be at the shack on Thursday, February 09, 2017 at 1930.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 2009.



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**Program:** No program this month.

Respectively submitted,

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